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FOR EA/J SHERMAN FROM SHOESMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, JA

SUBJ: FORTHCOMING VISIT OF FORMER AMBASSADOR USHIBA TO
WASHINGTON

REF: TOKYO 4888

1. FORMER AMBASSADOR NOBUHIKO USHIBA INFORMED ME APRIL 15 THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON TOWARD END OF APRIL FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 OR 5 DAYS IN HIS CAPACITY AS EMBER OF JDA ADVISORY GROUP (REFTEL PARA 4). AMBASSADOR USHIBA, WHO MAY BE TRAVELING ALONE, SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS IN BOTH STATE AND DOD FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF U.S. VIEWS OF JAPANESE FUTURE CONTRIBUTION TO MUTUAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. USHIBA SAID HE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE WHO ARE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN BOTH OPERATIONAL AND PLANNING ASPECTS OF U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. HE INDICATED THAT ADVISORY GROUP HOPES TO MAKE CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS TO JDA DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAKATA BY SOMETIME IN JUNE.

2. IN ADDITION TO YOURSELF, I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF USHIBA COULD TALK WITH ABROAMOWITZ IN DOD/ISA, WINSTON LORD AND ARMACOST IN S/P, AND LES BROWN IN P/M,
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IN ADDITION TO OTHERS WHOM YOU MAY HAVE IN MIND, I HAVE

SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR USHIBA THAT HE CONTACT YOU AFTER HE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON AND ASSURED HIM YOU WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST HIM IN ARRANGING USEFUL DISCUSSIONS.

3. AS YOU KNOW, USHIBA HAS LONG BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY RELATIONSHIP. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO SHARE WITH HIM OUR VIEWS ON THE PROBLEMS WE CONFRONT IN MAINTAINING A CREDITABLE PRESENCE IN JAPAN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN THE FACE OF INCREASING BUDGET PRESSURES AND TO OUTLINE FOR HIM SUCH POSSIBILITIES FOR RELIEVING THOSE PRESSURES AS SOME GOJ CONTRIBUTION TO LABOR COSTS AND RE-ENTRY AND STANDBY ARRANGEMENTS. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO ACQUAINT HIM WITH OUR THINKING ON "COMPLEMENTARITY".

4. AMBASSADOR USHIBA ALSO HOPES TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS AT CINCPAC ON HIS RETURN TO JAPAN AND WILL MAKE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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